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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,211,281 B1, issued April 3, 2001.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,965,661 A, issued October 12, 1999.
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,321,168 A, issued March 23, 1982.
4. WO 02/38635 A1, published May 16, 2002 with English Abstract.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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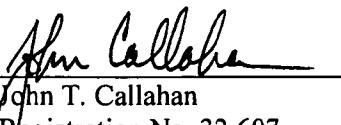
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